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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A flasher module for footwear includes a main housing containing all necessary circuitry for supplying power to at least one LED and for causing the LED to flash in response to movement of the shoe, except that at least one upper contact is affixed to a press fit cover such that when the press fit cover is secured to the main housing, at least two batteries are sandwiched between the upper contact and a lower contact in the main housing to complete a power supply circuit. The at least two batteries are connected in series, and two additional batteries may also be included in various series and parallel combinations depending on the desired voltage and current. An improved motion sensitive switch includes a terminal member from which a coil spring extends on one side to engage an outer conductive member upon motion of the shoe, the coil spring being soldered to the terminal member on the opposite side from the free end of the spring. The outer conductive member can be semi-cylindrical in form to offer a lower profile and more interesting lighting patterns.

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